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SUBANGTC LIBYA ARMY TAKE-OVER: STATUS UN MISSION

1. DEPUTY RESIDENT REP UN MISSION LIBYA INFORMED EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 2 THAT SO FAR AS HE CAN DETERMINE, ALL UN PERSONNEL WERE SAFE AND WELL. HE CAREFULLY AVOIDED MAKING REQUEST WE TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO UN HEADQUARTERS, BUT MADE IT CLEAR VOLUNTARY ACTION BY US WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH INSTRUCT USUN PASS ABOVE TO UN.

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2. FYI: RE PROJECTED SEPTEMBER 5-6 VISIT U THANT TO LIBYA, DEPUTY RESIDENT REP REPORTED IT WAS FIRM POSITION RESIDENT REP THAT UN MISSION SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS RE DESIRABILITY OR FEASIBILITY OF VISIT OF SYG. RES REP REPORTEDLY BELIEVES SYG HAS FULL KNOWLEDGE LIBYAN DEVELOPMENTS PAST 36 HOURS AND IS IN MUCH BETTER POSITION THAN RES REP TO ASSESS SITUATION AND MAKE DECISION.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: NO INDICATION RCC INTERESTED IN PROJECTED VISIT AT THIS STAGE OR INTENDS OPEN TRIPOLI CIVIL AIRPORT FOR THIS PURPOSE. EVEN MORE UNLIKELY THAT GOVERNMENT PREPARED CARRY OUT PLAN TO PLACE LIBYAN AIRLINES CARAVELLE AT SYG'S DISPOSAL TO PICK HIM UP IN ROME AND FLY HIM BACK TO ITALY FOLLOWING DAY UPON COMPLETION VISIT. HENCE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS ALONE APPEAR RULE OUT SYG VISIT.

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